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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 July 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 26-41 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 26-41 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 26-41 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by www.mydcmail.com.

As for claim 26, www.mydcmail.com discloses a mail/parcel processing system for implementing unique virtual dynamically capable addressing of mail/parcels, comprising:

means for enrolling at least one subscriber into the system, whereby an associated unique, virtual dynamically capable address (UVDCA) code is assigned to the subscriber {Page 7, Element "One Page Sign-Up"};

means for enrolling at least one processing facility into the system that processes mail/parcels containing an address that may include a UVDCA code corresponding to the at least one subscriber {Page 1, Lines 19-20, wherein this reads over "gain worldwide recognition with a Massachusetts Avenue street address"}. It is inherent that signing up with this service would prompt a user to obtaining a processing facility"}.

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means for creating and maintaining a compilation of unique virtual dynamically capable address (UVDCA) codes containing a plurality of informational data sets, each informational data set relating to a specific subscriber, which pertains to processing instructions for disposition of a mail/parcel initially addressed with an address that contains a UVDCA code that has been received by the at least one facility {Page 2, Line 2, wherein this reads over "your Washington address will be a real street address, not a P.O. box"}.

means for inputting processing instructions into an informational data set corresponding to the UVDCA code at least once prior to processing mail/parcel at the at least one facility {Page 2, Lines 10- 11, wherein this read over "we will notify you when a package you've been expecting has arrived"};

means for querying the compilation of (UVDCA) codes at least once prior to final disposition of the mail/parcel to obtain the informational data set corresponding to the UVDCA code found on the mail/parcel {Page 2, Lines 6-7, wherein this reads over "mailbox service is like having your own fully staffed mailroom"}. The mailbox service would track the packages.

means for instructing the at least one processing facility on processing the mail/parcel, including identification of a final destination point and at least one of method of delivery and method of handling based on the corresponding informational data set associated with the subscriber's LWDCa code queried by the query means {Page 2, Lines 13-14, wherein this reads over "place our address on your website and company letterhead and see the difference an internationally recognized address makes. Have

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mail sent to your Washington address and use our mail forwarding service to receive it anywhere in the world"}.

As for claim 27, ZIMMERS discloses the mail/parcel processing system of claim 26, wherein the informational data set contains contact information for the particular subscriber associated with the UVDCA code {Page 2, Lines 17-18, wherein this reads over "place our address on your website and company letterhead and see the difference an internationally recognized address makes. Have mail sent to your Washington address and use our mail forwarding service to receive it anywhere in the world"}.

As for claim 28, www.mydcmail.com discloses the mail/parcel processing system of claim 27, wherein the contact information includes an email address {Page 2, Line 9, wherein this reads over "check your mail by e-mail or telephone"}.

As for claim 29, www.mydcmail.com discloses the mail/parcel processing system of claim 27, wherein the contact information includes a telephone number {Page 2, Line 9, wherein this reads over "check your mail by e-mail or telephone"}.

As for claim 30, www.mydcmail.com discloses the mail/parcel processing system of claim 26, wherein the informational data set contains billing information for the subscriber associated with the UVDCA code {Page 3, Lines 13-14, wherein this reads over "Pay as you go. We never hold your money as a forwarding deposit. You are only billed when we send your mail. You only pay for the service you receive"}.

As for claim 31, www.mydcmail.com discloses the mail/parcel processing system of claim 30, wherein the billing information includes identification of statement billing {Page 3, Lines 13-14, wherein this reads over "Pay as you go. We never hold your

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money as a forwarding deposit. You are only billed when we send your mail. You only pay for the service you receive”}.

As for claim 32, www.mydcmail.com discloses the mail/parcel processing system of claim 30, wherein the billing information includes identification of credit card information {Page 3, Lines 13-14, wherein this reads over “Pay as you go. We never hold your money as a forwarding deposit. You are only billed when we send your mail. You only pay for the service you receive”}.

As for claim 33, www.mydcmail.com discloses the mail/parcel processing system of claim 26, wherein the informational data set contains a list of at least one named person associated with a legal entity subscriber's UVDCA code {Page 5, Lines 11-12, wherein this reads over “Massachusetts Avenue is know as Embassy Row because of the large concentration of diplomatic houses and offices on the street”}.

As for claim 34, www.mydcmail.com discloses the mail/parcel processing system of claim 26, wherein the informational data set contains at least one final destination point for mail/parcels associated with subscriber's UVDCA code so processed by a facility, including a primary delivery address other than the subscriber's own delivery address {Page 5, Lines 6-7, wherein this reads over “your address will be recognized domestically and internationally”}.

As for claim 35, www.mydcmail.com discloses the mail/parcel processing system of claim 26, wherein the informational data set contains handling instructions for mail/parcels associated with subscriber's UVDCA code so processed by the facility

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{Page 5, Lines 17-18, wherein this reads over “we recognized that our unique mailing address has great value for clients throughout the US and the world”}.

As for claim 36, www.mydcmail.com discloses the mail/parcel processing system of claim 35, wherein the handling instructions include at least one of hold all mail/parcels, forward all mail/parcels, hold specific mail/parcel X and forward specific mail/parcel Y {Page 5, Lines 21-22, wherein this reads over “we have been offering our address for mail receiving/forwarding for seventeen years. We are approved by the US Postal Service”}.

As for claim 37, www.mydcmail.com discloses the mail/parcel processing system of claim 26, wherein the informational data set contains subscriber designated instructions for delivery methods for mail/parcels associated with the subscriber's UVDCA code so processed by the facility {Page 5, Lines 21-22, wherein this reads over “we have been offering our address for mail receiving/forwarding for seventeen years. We are approved by the US Postal Service”}.

As for claim 38, www.mydcmail.com discloses a method for implementing disposition of a mail/parcel upon receiving mail/parcels at a processing facility, the mail/parcels containing an address that contains a unique virtual dynamically capable address (UVDCA) code associated with a subscriber, comprising:

enrolling at least one subscriber into the system, whereby an associated unique, virtual dynamically capable address (UVDCA) code is assigned to the subscriber {Page 7, Element “One Page Sign-Up”};

enrolling at least one processing facility into the system that processes mail/parcels containing an address that may include a UVDCA code corresponding to the at least one subscriber { Page 1, Lines 19-20, wherein this reads over “gain worldwide recognition with a Massachusetts Avenue street address”}. It is inherent that signing up with this service would prompt a user to obtaining a processing facility”};

creating and maintaining a compilation of unique virtual dynamically capable address (UVDCA) codes containing a plurality of informational data sets, each informational data set relating to a specific subscriber, which pertains to processing instructions for disposition of a mail/parcel initially addressed with an address that contains a LNDCA code that has been received by the at least one facility {Page 2, Line 2, wherein this reads over “your Washington address will be a real street address, not a P.O. box”};

inputting processing instructions into associated informational data sets at least once prior to processing mail/parcel at the at least one facility {Page 2, Lines 10- 11, wherein this read over “we will notify you when a package you’ve been expecting has arrived”}.

querying the compilation of (LJVDCA) codes at least once prior to final disposition of the mail/parcel to obtain the informational data set corresponding to the UVDCA code found on the mail/parcel { Page 2, Lines 6-7, wherein this reads over “mailbox service is like having your own fully staffed mailroom”}. The mailbox service would track the packages.

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instructing the at least one processing facility on disposition of the mail/parcel, including identification of the final destination point and at least one of method of delivery and method of handling based on the corresponding informational data set associated with the subscriber's UVDCA code queried by the query means {Page 2, Lines 13-14, wherein this reads over "place our address on your website and company letterhead and see the difference an internationally recognized address makes. Have mail sent to your Washington address and user our mail forwarding service to receive it anywhere in the world"}.

As for claim 39, www.mydcmail.com discloses the method according to claim 38, wherein the informational data set includes subscriber designated instructions on method of delivery by the facility {Page 2, Lines 13-14, wherein this reads over "place our address on your website and company letterhead and see the difference an internationally recognized address makes. Have mail sent to your Washington address and user our mail forwarding service to receive it anywhere in the world"}.

As for claim 40, www.mydcmail.com discloses the method according to claim 38, wherein the informational data set includes subscriber billing information, further comprising billing the subscriber based on the subscriber billing information {Page 3, Lines 13-14, wherein this reads over "Pay as you go. We never hold your money as a forwarding deposit. You are only billed when we send your mail. You only pay for the service you receive"}.

As for claim 41, www.mydcmail.com discloses the method according to claim 38, wherein the information data set includes handling instructions including at least one of

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hold all mail/parcels, forward all mail/parcels, hold specific mail/parcel X, and forward specific mail/parcel Y {Page 5, Lines 21-22, wherein this reads over "we have been offering our address for mail receiving/forwarding for seventeen years. We are approved by the US Postal Service"}.

Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

I. Non-Patent Literature:

- 1) Website www.myUS.com is cited to teach package and mail forwarding services.

II. U.S. Patent:

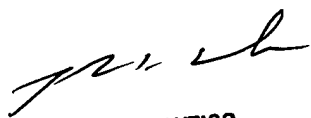
- 1) U.S. Patent No. 6,330,550 (BRISEBOIS ET AL) is cited to teach cross-media notification for e-commerce, and
- 2) U.S. Patent No. 6,674,038 (LATTA) is cited to teach information based network process for mailing sorting/distribution.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Cang (James) G. Thai whose telephone number is (571) 272-6499. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:30 AM - 3:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Weiss can be reached on (571) 272-6812. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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